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Chase





HEY,
SEN-
SEN!!

SEN-
SEN!!

...



OH,
SORRY 'BOUT
THAT.

PLEASE
STOP DAY-
DREAMING
WHILE
DRIVING!



JUST
WHAT IS
GOING
ON?!

WHERE
ARE WE
HEADING?!

AND WHO
WAS THOSE
PEOPLE
EARLIER?!



DO YOU
THINK IT'S
POSSIBLE
TO BRING
THE DE-
CEASED
BACK TO
LIFE?

REN



BUT,
THERE'S
A PERSON
WHO SAID
THAT IT'S
POSSIBLE.

RIGHT.



...P
I DON'T
UNDER-
STAND
WHAT
YOU'RE
TRYING
TO SAY,
BUT
IT'S OB-
VIOUSLY IMPOSS-
IBLE.



THEN
A THEORY
WHICH TURNS
THAT IMPOSS-
IBILITY INTO
REALITY WAS
FORMULATED.

FOR A
LONG TIME
MANY HAD
BEEN LED
TO BELIEVE
THAT.

AND THAT
PERSON
WAS...



HOWEVER,
THERE'S ONE
BOIST WHO
DECLARED
THAT ALL OF IT
WAS JUST A
BUNCH OF LIES.



...ME.



THESE MEGA-PROJECTS THAT DRAGGED THE WHOLE WORLD.

LIKE THE APOLLO OPERATION THAT ENDED IN FAILURE.

OR EVEN THIS ORBITAL ELEVATOR,



I'M NOT SURE IF HE'LL GET WHAT HE WISHES FOR OR NOT.

My...
ISN'T THE ZEAL OF A PERSON SUCH A TERRIBLE THING?

IT'S BEEN SAID THAT THE MAN BEHIND THEM IS DOING ALL OF THIS FOR A WOMAN.





THE ONE
BEARING
THE ZEAL
THAT PAVED
THE WAY
FOR THAT
"THEORY".

THE EM-
BODIMENT
OF HAVING
DONE WHAT
MEN CON-
SIDERED
IMPOSSIBLE.



WHAT IS THAT
ZEAL YOU HAVE
THAT BROUGHT
YOU BACK FROM
THE DEAD,



ICHIGAYA
HIROKI?



NOW,
NOW.
DON'T
BE SHY.



HERE,
HAVE
ANOTHER
DRINK.

I'VE
EXPECTED
NO LESS
FROM
A WELL-
KNOWN
JAPANESE
COMPANY.
EVEN
THEIR
SECRET-
TARES
ARE THIS
BEAUTIFUL.



IF YOU
INSIST,
I'LL HAVE
JUST ONE
MORE.

MY, HOW
FLATTERING.



SHE'S
YOUR AND
HIROKI'S
ENEMY,
ISN'T
SHE?

WHAT
ARE YOU
THINK-
ING?

WHAT
AM I
GOING
TO DO
WITH
SUCH
A...

HEY,
WHAT'S
WRONG,
SHIRO-
CHAN?



"BYLLIDOU
HIMSELF
WANT TO
TALK IT
OVER
WITH YOU,
PLEASE
COME TO
HIS PLACE",
SHE SAID.



ISN'T IT
OBVIOUS
THAT IT'S
A TRAP?



WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN BY
THAT?

SIMPLE.

...HIROKI
KNOWS ALL
ABOUT IT.



IT ONLY
MEANS THAT
EVERYTHING
IS GOING
ACCORDING
TO PLAN.



THAT'S
HOW
IT IS.

WITH THIS,
BOTH OUR
AND YOUR
SIDE'S SAFETY
WOULD BE
ASSURED.

WE TOO,
DON'T WANT
TO GET
TIED DOWN.

SO, ICHIGAYA
HIROKI'S PAST
HAS BEEN
INVESTIGATED.



...HIROKI'S
PAST?

OR TO BE
PRECISE,
YOU ARE
GOING TO BE
USED AS A
BARGAINING
CHIP.



WELL, TOO BAD,
HE HAS ANOTHER
INSURANCE
UP HIS SLEEVE.

ALSO, IF
ANYTHING
GOES
WRONG...

YOU'RE
REALLY ONE
FASCINATING KID,
HIROKI-KUN...



YES, HER,
SHE IS-

N-NO! IT
CAN'T BE!
YOU'RE
TALKING
ABOUT
ICHIGO-SAN,
AREN'T YOU?





WHAT
THEIR?



A-HHH
I-I-
ICHOBO-
ONNE-
BAMA!

I KNOW
YOU'RE HAVING
A HARD TIME
RIGHT NOW
SHINJI-CHAN,
BUT COULD YOU
TELL ME WHAT
YOU'RE GOING
TO DO NEXT?



OKAY,
ANSWER
THIS.



So,
which
is it?

I-I'D LIKE
TO PICK
THE ONE
WHICH
I WOULD
BE ALI-
WAUUU
GGHHH!!

1. Confess
everything
and die.
2. Tell me
everything
and die.

3. Just die.



OH,
THOSE
GUYS?
THEY'RE
HAVING
A NICE
SLEEP.

A-HHH
COME
YOU'RE
HERE?
WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THE
"ESCORTS"?





AFTER ALL,
YOU'RE A
PROMINENT
COMPANY
IN JAPAN.
NOT TO MENTION,
YOU SEEM TO
HAVE TIES
WITH "OTHER"
BUSINESSES.

THAT'S
NOT LIKE
YOU.



YOU
HAVE A
QUITE
FASCI-
NATING
HISTORY.

I HAD
SOMEONE
INVESTI-
GATED ALL
ABOUT YOU.



HOW I LEAD
MY LIFE IS
NOTHING
OUT OF THE
ORDINARY.

HAAAA,
IT'S QUITE
AN HONOR
HEARING
THAT FROM
YOU.



AT LEAST,
COMPARED TO
SOMEONE WHO
HAD DIED ONCE
AND LIVED.



THE EYUUDOU GROUP, AN ENTITY THAT HAS GROWN DUE TO PURSUING AN IDEAL.

WON'T BE ABLE TO REDEEM HIS WIFE WHO HAS PASSED AWAY? THAT'S LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF A CHEAP NOVEL.

JUST A NORMAL ONE.



THAT IS YOUR REASON FOR RUNNING AFTER EARTHS?

TO BRING BACK MY WIFE.

I WON'T MIND THROWING AWAY ALL WHAT I'VE BUILT SO FAR, AS LONG AS I ACHIEVE THAT DREAM!

IN-DEED!



AFTER ALL, I WON'T BE ABLE TO HAVE WHAT I WANT WITHOUT THOSE EARTHS!!

YOU, THE EMBODIMENT OF A MIRACLE ITSELF, TRYING TO PROTECT THE EARTHS.

WHAT IS YOUR ZEAL? WHAT IS YOUR MOTIVATION IN INTERFERING WITH ME?



HAA...
I STILL
HAVE
NO IDEA
WHAT'S
GOING
ON.

WE HAVE
TO STOP
THAT IDIOT
BEFORE
HE DOES
SOMETHING!

HURRY
UP, REN!
WE'VE GOT
TO CATCH
HIM!



WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?

HMM?

BUT,
WHY IS IT
THAT THOSE
THINGS ARE
GETTING
QUITE
POPULAR
THESE
DAYS?



WELL,
THERE WERE
CAT-EARS
AND BUNNY-
EARS.







I'M SAD,
PEGASUS-
CHAN.

SHOOTING
AT ME
AND THEN
RUNNING
AWAY
FROM ME.



THAT WAS
QUITE
A SHOCK
FOR ME!
ESPECIALLY
SINCE WE
HAVEN'T
SEEN EACH
OTHER FOR
SO LONG!!

THE
ONE WHO
HANDLED
THAT
THREAT TO
RYUKO!!

IT
REALLY
WAS
YOU,

SHUT
UP!



IZAYOI!!



ARE YOU
RUSHING
TO WHERE
HIROKI-
KUN IS?

IT'S
BEEN AGES
AND I JUST
WANT TO
TALK. WE'RE
FRIENDS,
AREN'T WE?

THERE'S
NO WAY
I'LL BE NICE
TO A VIXEN
WHO WANTS TO
PROMOTE THE
EARTH HUNT!



ARE YOU
PLANNING
TO KILL
HIROKI
THIS
TIME!?

YOU'RE
HALF-
RIGHT.



HE WILL
EVENTU-
ALLY DIE,

WON'T
HE!?



WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING?

I'LL
MAKE
SURE
THAT YOU
WON'T!



I
WON'T
LET
YOU!!



YOU
WILL.

I WON'T
BE THE
ONE TO
KILL
HIM.





JUST
NOW!?

W-WHAT
WAS THAT
SOUND,



N-
NOO
OOO!

DON'T
TALK!
YOU'LL
BITE YOUR
TONGUE!



REALLY IT'S
A GOOD
THING THAT
YOU DON'T
KNOW
ABOUT IT.

BUT,
THE REASON
WHY HIROKI
IS LIVING AT
THE MOMENT
IS QUITE
IMPORTANT.



D-DID
HE DO
SOME-
THING?

HIROKI IS
NO DOUBT
AN IDIOT,
BUT...

WOULDN'T
IT BE ONLY
IF HE JUST
ASK FOR
FORGIVE-
NESS?



IF YOU
STILL
WANT THIS,
I'M MORE
THAN
HAPPY-

THEN,
BOTH OF
THEM WILL
HAVE TO
DISAPPEAR.

TO SHARE
THIS
"MIRACLE"
WITH YOU!

TWO
PEOPLE
WISHING
FOR THE
SAME
THING.

MY ZEAL
IS NOT THE
REASON WHY
I'M STILL
ALIVE.

RYUU-
DOU.



AND IF
NEITHER
OF THEM
ARE LIN-
WILLING TO
GIVE
UP...

GAA
AAAA
AAAA
AAAA
AAHH
HHH!!

WHAT
THE
HELL IS
THIS!?

AND THAT
"MIRACLE"
YOU SPEAK
OF ISN'T
REALLY
THAT GOOD.

BUT,
I'M NOT
IMMORTAL.



IT'S ALSO
POSSIBLE
AN EARTH
HAD SAVED
ME.

IT'S
TRUE
THAT I
DIED
ONCE.

THIS IS
LIKE THE
LAST
TIME!?

AAA
AAA
RGH!!





DEAD SPACE SYNDROME.
IT'S THE ONLY MENTAL AILMENT THAT CAN CAUSE PEOPLE TO DIE.



THIS RESULTED IN MIND BREAKDOWN, FOLLOWED BY HEALTH DETERIORATION.

IT'S A PHANTOM PAIN THAT CAN'T BE ENDURED BY THE HUMAN MIND.



FOR THE SAKE OF THOSE WHO ARE IMPORTANT TO ME,

I TRIED TO ENDURE THAT NEVER-ENDING PAIN AND LOOK LIKE I'M FINE.



IT'S
TRUE THAT
FOR SOME
REASON,
I HAD
SURVIVED.

PEOPLE
COULD EASILY
CONSIDER THIS
AS SOME SORT
OF A MIRACLE.

AND
FINALLY,
MY WILL
TO GO ON
LIVING.

AT FIRST,
IT WAS MY
EYESIGHT,
FOLLOWED
BY MY SENSE
OF TASTE.

HOWEVER,
I CONTINUE
TO LOSE
THINGS,
THANKS
TO THAT
"MIRACLE".

TELL ME,
RYUUDOU.

CAN YOU
STILL CALL
THIS A
MIRACLE?

tale 13 *The Boundary Between
Black and White*





THE
EARTH
IN THAT
PET
ROBOT.

BYAKKON
WHO'S
LEFT
EARTH

THE THREE
ANCESTRAL
SISTERS
HOUND SAW.



AND...
TRAYN WHO
APPEARED
JUST NOW.



ARE ALL
OF THESE
JUST
A COIN-
CIDENCE?



IMPOSSIBLE.

THIS
MIGHT BE
SOMEONE'S
WORK.



DO
YOU GET
IT NOW,
RYUKOUP?

THESE
ARE MY
MEMORIES.

NO, NO, NO.
IN THE
MEAN TIME,
I HAVE TO
PROTECT
HEROES FROM
FEAR.

I'M
IN THE
MIDDLE
OF ALL
THIS.
COULD
IT BE...



THIS
SOUND?

I DIDN'T
OVERCOME
DEATH.

IT'S
JUST
THAT MY
DEATH
IS STILL
GOING
ON.

HOW COME?
SHE'S NOT
SUPPOSED
TO BE HERE
TODAY?

THE EARTH,
FUKEMACH,

AND ITS
SHARING
ABILITY?

enough
from
you!!

I've
heard



then I
won't let
anyone
stop me
until

I have
everything
about
them!!

I don't
care about
your
miserable
memory!!

If EaRths
are as many
as the lunar
cycle,



IF
THERE'S
A WAY TO
CORRECT
THAT
MISTAKE,

HAVING
KILLED

THE
ONE YOU
LOVED.



Or
anything
I have to
give up!

I
don't
care
how many
should be
sacrificed!







I'LL BE
WAITING TO
SEE YOU
AGAIN.

REMEMBER,
YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
HURRY.



DO YOU
GIVE UP
THAT
TECH
FOR THE
MAY?

HUNT
WHAT'S
WRONG?

PROBABLY
THINK
YOUR
MAY
WILL
SUCCEED

IT'S BECAUSE
YOUR
MAY
WILL
SUCCEED
TO BE
THE
MAY
WILL
SUCCEED
TO BE
THE
MAY
WILL
SUCCEED

I
SEE

THAT'S
WHAT
I
WANT
TO
DO
FOR
THE
MAY
WILL
SUCCEED



THIS
CAN'T
BE
TRUE!!



WAS
GOING
TO SAY
THAT
I
MIGHT

BUT
I
WAS
NOT
SURE

THE
LITTLE
GIRL
IN
THE
MIDDLE
OF
THE
STREET



WAS
GOING
TO SAY
THAT
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I
MIGHT

WAS
GOING
TO SAY
THAT
I
MIGHT

THE ONE
WHO LET
HER TO
GO FIRST
WAS ME.

STILL,
YOU'RE
NOT TO
BLAME
HERE.

IT'S
ALL MY
FAULT.
IF ONLY
I HAD
SENT THE
RELIEF
EARLIER...

WHY
DID
IRINA
...
HAVE
TO DIE!?

WHY DO WE
HAVE TO
SUFFER
LIKE THIS!?

WHY,
OF ALL
PLACES,
IS A DEAD
SPACE
THERE...?

MAYBE
I CAN
HELP.

CAN'T
SOMEONE
JUST TELL
US WHAT
EXACTLY
IS THAT
THING!?

LIKE
HOW TO
GET BACK
THOSE YOU
LOST.

I CAN
TELL YOU
THAT.









HE'S
PREPARED
TO DIE!!

IT
CAN'T
BE.



Don't
do it!!

S-
Stop!!

COME ON, SPARE ME...



I'VE ENDURED SO MUCH ALREADY...



MY
HEAD'S
ABOUT
TO EX-
PLODE-
UP!!

I CAN'T
SEE-
I CAN'T
TASTE
THINGS-



I DON'T WANT
GRANDMA
AND GRANDPA
TO WORRY,
SO I KEPT
ON SAILING!
EVEN
THOUGH
IT REALLY
HURTS
SO MUCH,
I ENDURED
IT AND
PUT UP
AN ACT!

ARE
ALL
THESE
PAIN...

FROM
HURON?



HE'S
BEEN EN-
DURING IT,
ALL THIS
TIME!



AND
NOW THAT
THEY'RE
GONE,
THERE'S
NO REASON
FOR ME
TO GO ON!



EVEN
SO...





THEN
IT'S FINE
FOR ME
TO DIE,

SAY,
TAMA.
IF MY
REASON
IS TO
SAVE A
FRIEND,



NO,
IT'S
NOT!



RIGHT-



YOU
GOD-
DAMN
BRAIN-
LESS
IDIOT!!



WHAT
EXACTLY
ARE YOU
TRYING
TO DO?

YOU
ALWAYS
USE "IT
WAS TO
SAVE
SOMEONE"
AS AN
EXCUSE
TO DIE.

ALWAYS
PLAYING
THE HERO,
HIROKI.



ISN'T
THAT RIGHT,
HIROKI!?

PUTTING
IT UP
JUST BY
YOUR-
SELF?

EN-
DURING
IT BY
YOUR-
SELF?



WHY
WON'T
YOU
UNDER-
STAND!?





THAT BY
DOING THAT,
YOU'RE AFRAID
OF CHANGING
THEIR LIVES?

ARE YOU
AFRAID THAT
BY RELYING
ON SOMEONE,
IT MAKES YOU
A BURDEN
TO THEM?



PLEASE...
HIROKI...



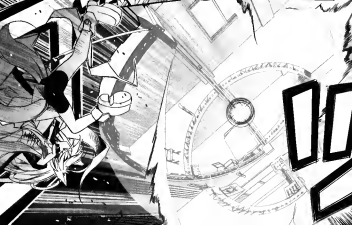
YOU SEE,
HIROKI,
I DON'T
CARE HOW
MUCH
TROUBLE
IT MIGHT
BRING.

IT'S MUCH
BETTER THAN
SEEING YOU
SUFFER ALL
BY YOUR-
SELF.



I BEG
OF YOU...

WILL YOU
STOP LOOKING
FOR A REASON
TO HAVE A
MEANINGFUL
DEATH?







EARTH
BOOKS







tale 14 And The Dawn Breaks







THANK
YOU.



ALSO,
I'M
SORRY.



HE JUST
LIKE WHAT
I SAW
AT THAT
TIME.

THAT
BOUND-
ARY...



YOU
DON'T
CHANGE
THAT
EASILY,
HUM?

...TCH.



THE ONE
SURROUND-
ING HURON'S
HEART.

I'M SURE
IT'S THE
BOUNDARY
OF THE HEART.

THERE'S
NOTHING
I CAN DO
ABOUT
THAT.



THE ONE
I COULDN'T
STEP INTO.



I
HAVE TO
ACCEPT
THAT
FACT.



IF I GET
INVOLVED
MORE,
HE'LL GET
MORE DE-
PRESSED.

THAT'S
WHY...

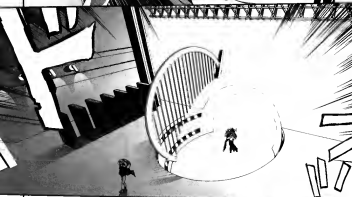


IF I
BECAME
MORE CON-
CERNED
ABOUT HIM,
I MIGHT DIE.

EVEN SO,
WHY...



STILL...







I REALLY
DON'T
KNOW.

I DON'T
HAVE
ANY
IDEA-

WHY I'M
DOING ALL
THIS.



LIKE
THAT
SNOWY
DAY.



IF I
ONLY
DO THE
SAME
THING
AGAIN,

SOME-
ONE IS
BOUND
TO BE
UNHAPPY.





MY HEART
FROZE
LONG AGO.

I
THOUGHT
THAT

LIKE THE
DAY I
SHOT THE
PERSON
I CHER-
ISHED.

DOING
HERE!?

WHAT
ARE
YOU...

EVEN
SO...

Grab
my
hand!!

Hurry!

RIGHT
AFTER I
CAME TO
THIS
PLACE.

EVERYTHING
FEELS WEIRD.

...NO.



IT WAS
WHEN

I MET YOU,
HIROKI!

Spiritual
Garden!!









PLEASE
WAIT UNTIL
THEN.

ONCE
I FINISH
THAT
THEORY...

IRINA,
MY LOVE.

I'LL
BRING
YOU
BACK.



THAT
DEFIES THE
COMMON
LOGIC OF
THIS WORLD.
JUST LIKE
YOU, NO,
JUST LIKE
US.

IT'S ALL
ABOUT THE
TRACES

THAT
BARTH
THEORY
IS ALL
NON-
SENSE.



IRINA
...

MY
DELOVED
IRINA...



















IF MY FEELINGS WOULD MELT AWAY-

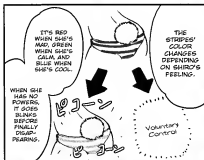


JUST LIKE HOW SNOW TURNS INTO WATER WHEN SPRING COMES...



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HOW
DO YOU
FIND THIS
BOOK?

NOW,
WITH THIS,
VOLUME 2
COMES TO
A CLOSE.



WELL,
I HAVE
TO GO
AND DRAW
VOLUME 3.

I'D BE
GLAD IF
YOU'LL WAIT
PATIENTLY
TILL FOR THE
NEXT ONE!



I'M JUST
PUTTING UP
A FRONT
DESPITE
HAVING
A LETHAL
SCHEDULE.
SOMEONE
HELP ME!

SO,
IT ENDS
JUST LIKE
THAT?

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